



At Random

Two tournaments here this week—district basketball and ski tournaments.

Both most excellent objectives.

Let the best teams and the best

skiers win!

Winter sports season is just

about finished.

Grayling had a great and suc-

cessful season.

Had there been more coaches

available there would have been

more trains and bigger crowds.

But now we may look with an-

anticipation to the opening of trout

ishing season.

Only 50 more days.

But we haven't forgotten

March 17th!!

Nor Easter.

According to a Gallup poll,

entiment for prohibition is in-

creasing.

How well we remember domi-

nation of local politics in large

cities by liquor interests aroused

general resentfulness.

It seems that there is always

something to disturb one's peace

of mind.

And then, there's the war!

What a heartache!

All praise to the young men of

America in meeting the chal-

lenge.

And we'll not neglect the home-

fires while they are away.

22 Acts Passed

At Special Session

Governor Van Wagoner this week completed the signing of 22 measures passed by the recent special war session of the Legislature and declared the non-political cooperation of all elements of the State Government had set a record for which "the citizens of Michigan can be proud."

Major war acts of the sessions were the liberalization of unemployment compensation payments to provide a maximum of \$20 for 20 weeks for persons who lost their jobs in the war transition period; and increased allotments for aged persons and mothers with dependent children, to meet higher living costs.

Other war acts will attract private capital for defense housing, prevent slum housing around defense plants, and permit Detroit busses to carry workers to the Willow Run war plant.

Other measures allow county boards of supervisors to provide fire protection in rural areas; authorize use of tax-delinquent lands for defense purposes; permit the closing of estates in which foreign heirs are involved, and allow Bar examinations for law students who are called into the armed forces before completing their courses.

Other acts make it a felony to steal an airplane; permit towns to combine funds for fire protection; allow school board elections in districts consolidated in defense areas; permit the State Department of Health to continue free distribution of anti-toxins; permit better control of venereal disease, and provide for recording of unregistered births, to help persons who must have such certificates to get war jobs.

Tax inequalities for auto dealers whose stock is "frozen" by Federal order are relieved; Civil Service payroll adjustments are provided for. Other acts permit condemnation of flight-strips for airplanes along highways. Save steel by permitting sale of farm tractors without guard shields over wheels; amend the Homestead Act to aid Army draftees; correct the description of parcel of land being sold by the State, and repeal the camp doe law.

Tires Rationed In February

Roy Papenfus of Grayling—One tire and tube.

Wm. Leng of Frederic—Two tires and tubes.

Sam Rasmussen—One tire and tube.

Dr. Lippert—One passenger tire.

Robert Hayes—Three tires (obsolete type).

Not Flagnole Sitter. The percher is not a napoleone sitter. He inspects cloth in the textile industry.

Annual Basketball Tour. Starting Here Today

5 Class C, 8 D Schools Entered

ONE OF LARGEST TOURNA- MENTS HELD IN DISTRICT

Last Saturday the drawings were held at Grayling High school with many of the teams entered having representatives present. Mio and Atlanta drew the opening game and will play Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Fans will have their favorites and pre-tournament choices but officially they will be determined Saturday night when the remaining two teams in Class "D" will meet at 8 o'clock. This game will be followed by the class "C" finalists at 9:15 p. m.

The city of Grayling, through its High school, is pleased to be the host of the District Tournament. Also is in readiness for a successful affair and it is hoped that all who attend will enjoy the game.

Several posters showing the progress of the teams are posted around the town. They will be filled in after each series of games in order that the fans may follow the tournament each day.

Today promises to be unusually significant to the pupils of thirteen high schools in district No. 49 of which Grayling is a part. When the referee's whistle blows at 2:00 p. m. this Thursday afternoon Mio and Atlanta school teams will be on the floor, fighting it out for privilege of remaining in the tournament for further contest.

At 3:15 o'clock Gaylord St. Mary's will tangle with Frederic. At 6:45 p. m. Fairview and Johannesburg will clash and at 8:00 p. m. Roscommon will play Vanderbilt. These will clean up the preliminary games in class D schools.

Also on Thursday night Grayling and Hillman, both class C teams, will take the floor at 9:15. The winners of these games will continue their playing Friday, the first game starting at 2:00 p. m.

Following are the class C teams entered in the tournament: Onaway, Grayling, Hillman, Gaylord and Mancelona. The class D teams are: Atlanta, Fairview, Frederic, Gaylord St. Mary's, Johannesburg, Mio, Roscommon and Vanderbilt.

The referees are C. W. Tabraham, and Virgil Meisel, both of Cadillac. The admission prices for students 26c plus 4c tax; and for adults 36c plus 4c tax.

There will be plenty of entertainment and interest at each event. Grayling school band will be there as usual, under direction of Gale Richardson.

Don't miss a single game. These are our boys and they will play all the harder if they know we are interested in the games.

The bride wore a soldier blue wool flannel dress with navy accessories. Her corsage was of white gardenias.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Feldhauser, sister and brother-in-law of the bride, were the only attendants.

The young couple will be at home in Grayling.

Electric Refrigerators

At of January 1, 1941, there were approximately 16,100,000 electric refrigerators in use in the United States.

Writes From
Canal Zone

(By Ethel Taylor Pierce)

The following interesting article was written by Mrs. E. A. Pierce, (formerly Miss Ethel Taylor of this city.) For the past year Mrs. Pierce has been in the Canal Zone where Mr. Pierce is representative for the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. We are sure our readers will enjoy her story.

Mr. O. P. Schumann, Crawford Avalanche. Grayling, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Schumann:

I promised when I left Grayling to write you about Panama, so I shall start at the beginning altho it is ancient history now for I left New York in January of last year. However, I thought you might be interested in a glimpse of Haiti, inasmuch as no one has written about it so far.

We ran into a storm off Cape

Hatteras and did not leave it

cross country races for women, until we reached Haiti—and as we had lost time we had less to

spend in Haiti. It was a perfect

beautiful place—the harbor was lovely coming into Port Au

Prince. The poinsettia trees were

all in blossom and purple and

red bougainvillea affame in their flamboyant colorings.

As the boat came into the harbor the which assures competent man-

black divers came out to meet

it—begging us to throw coins for

which they dived and came up with them in their teeth. They

must have stayed in the water

for hours for they were still there

when the boat sailed five hours

later. Our money is worth about

five times its value to a Haitian,

that is, the rate of exchange is

about five to one. Haiti was a

under French domination and

control for years. Now it is a

free republic and if not the only

black republic, at least one of the

very few. The government is

controlled by the negroes. We

sent the marines down there a

few years ago and they stayed

approximately seven years dur-

ing which time they built good

roads and made many improve-

ments. French is the national

language but the "negatives" are

mostly negroes, 3 or 4 mixed

nigro and white blood. The pub-

lic market was very dirty and I

am told they have an open sew-

age disposal system. The island

has most of the tropical diseases

for it hasn't been cleaned up as

well as Panama where one sel-

dom sees flies or mosquitoes. The

swamps in Panama are sprayed

with oil regularly to keep down

the larvae. As I came thru the

customs gate I saw many I am

quite sure had leprosy. Here in

Panama all lepers are sent to the

Leprosy Colony at Palo Seco near

Panama City but Haiti hasn't ad-

vanced like Panama.

I was interested, of course, in

what kind of a drug store they

had, so when I saw a sign "Phar-

macie" I asked the taxi driver to

stop. The pharmacist asked me

what I wished. I told him I

spoke only English, and why I

had come in. He rushed out and

in a minute was back, and said

"come upstairs." Now I had

heard that the Haitians practiced

Voodooism and wondered if I

was in the right place.

(Continued on last page)

Moore-Anthony

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore of Higgins Lake announce the marriage of their daughter Lucyelle, to Mr. Clayton Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anthony of Grayling.

The ceremony took place on Tuesday, February 24th, at the Evangelical parsonage, Pontiac, with Rev. Cletus Parker officiating.

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Tournament Notes

One of the big events will be

the free-for-all cross country

skiing. This will be up and down

hill, cross country and slalom.

(Slalom is a Norwegian word

meaning difficult skiing).

This will be free-for-all and is certain

to draw out a large entrance of

expert skiers.

Ski Trails Excellent

Alfred Orhn, director of the

skiing activities, reports from

14 to 16 inches of snow and says

the skiing on the trails is "swell."

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WE are glad to publish contributed articles whenever they are handed in in reasonably due time. Affairs of strictly news value that occur as late of Wednesday night will be accepted on Thursday morning whenever it is possible to do so. Social affairs that occur early in the week or the week previous should be handed in at the earliest possible time. We appreciate having these contributions but we trust the public will understand that it is impossible to handle copy at a time when the edition should be on the press.

Today.

By Vivian Yeiser Larimore
I've shut the door on yesterday,
Its sorrows and mistakes;
I've locked within its gloomy
walls

Past failures and heartaches.
And now I throw the key away

To seek another room,
And furnish it with hopes and
smiles

And furnish-Springtime bloom.

No thought shall enter this abode

That has a hint of pain,

And envy, malice and distrust

Shall never entrance gain.

I've shut the door on yesterday

And thrown the key away—

Tomorrow holds no fears for me.

Since I have found today.

—Charlotte Republican
Tribune.

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Not in His Power
The examination papers were handed round and the students scrutinized them eagerly.

"Any comments?" asked the professor.

"Yes, sir," said one youth, putting on a pained expression. "I certainly don't think I deserve an absolute zero."

"I don't either, Smith," replied the professor, with a merry twinkle in his eye, "but it is the lowest mark I am allowed to give any member of the class."

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Father grunted.

"As I thought," he said. "Wake him up."

Demand

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Clothes and Character

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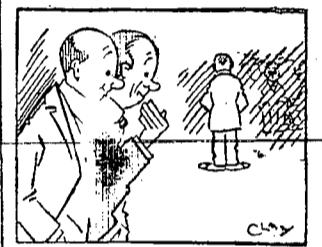
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"He's on a standing committee, you know."

Returning the Hint

"So you and your neighbor are not on speaking terms?"

"No. My neighbor sent me a can of oil to use on my lawn mower when I started to cut the grass at six o'clock in the morning."

"And what did you do?"

"I sent it back and told him to use it on his wife when she started singing at eleven at night."

Feared the Answer

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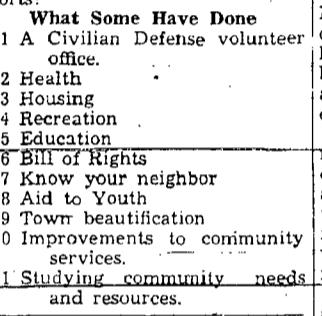
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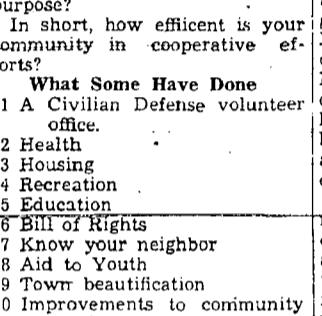
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By GENE ALLEMAN
Michigan Press Association

Enemy air raids on Michigan cities or the Soo locks could occur during April or May when weather would be more suitable for long distance flying, according to military advice. Inconsistency exists in the fact that the army has not taken steps yet to designate Michigan as a possible target for air attacks, although President Roosevelt said in a recent press conference that Detroit could be bombed under certain conditions.

Protective defense services such as air raid warden and fire and police volunteers are in charge of Capt. Don Leonard, Michigan State police, who was designated months ago by the governor as coordinator for these agencies in Michigan. Official instruction courses have been prepared by the Office of Civilian Defense at Washington for which Leonard was a special need man for many months.

Ludington is all excited over prospects of the huge chemical defense plant to be constructed there by the Defense Plant Corp. and operated by the Dow Magnesium Corp. . . . in Benton Harbor a new mine-sweeper was launched . . . A new lock is believed assured for the St. Mary's River canal at Sault Ste. Marie.

Brighter news from the industrial front, in contrast to the now reverses from the war front, was reflected in an announcement by the state unemployment compensation commission that 111,000 claims had been paid to jobless as of Feb. 21, as compared to previous official forecast of 50,000 to 300,000.

Reason, as given by Wendell L. Lund, commission director: "Unexpected industrial activity and greater speed in defense absorption of the idle."

It seems that everybody won in the recent legislative skirmish over unemployment compensation benefits. The Republican legislative and the Democratic governor are both claiming credit for liberalizing maximum payments from \$16 to \$20 for 20 weeks, minimum payments \$7 to \$10 for 12 weeks.

Director Wendell Lund said that manufacturers and employees were happy. And the best acclaim of all came from Ewan Clague, associate director of the Federal employment security division of the Social Security Board: "Michigan is to be congratulated that it has the best unemployment insurance law in the United States."

Clague said the trend was toward a "straight state system" in contrast to federal benefits granted by Congress to pressure groups for political purposes.

Local draft boards are to be cautioned by Brig. General Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, against exhausting farm labor rolls in their counties. General Hershey said in Washington: "One of the hardest men you

have to convince that he is a specialist is the farmer. Farmers are patriotic. They don't try to get exemptions."

Recommendations of the civil service commission for saving \$171,000 annually are to be put into effect by the state liquor control commission, following the recent reorganization effected by Governor Van Wagoner.

The newest reform followed appointment of Ralph Thomas of Detroit as chairman and Felix H. H. Flynn, formerly on the unemployment compensation commission, as a member.

Recognizing a war-time demand for industrial efficiency, the commission took steps to discourage "any conditions in the industry which interfere with all-out production." In other words, war orders will get the right-of-way over liquor licensees when the two clash.

Recent public opinion polls by Dr. George Gallup have shown a rise in sentiment for prohibition.

Herbert J. Rushton, attorney general, has upheld the right of the civil service commission to reorganize state governmental agencies in order to eliminate unnecessary employees and to effect operating economies.

The constitutional amendment on civil service, however, does not remove control of state departments from state officials except for the assignment and placing of personnel subject to civil service, it was held.

G. Donald Kennedy, state commissioner of highways, reported a reduction of department payroll by 13.9 per cent for January. Gasoline revenues are expected to decline due to tire rationing and Kennedy is taking steps to keep operating costs in line with 1942 revenues. Highway construction will be limited virtually to war needs.

The pension repeal was voted through the house of representatives at Washington by unanimous vote of Michigan's 17 representatives.

Editorial comment on defense (Starkey Banyon in the Benton Harbor News-Palladium.)

"How many hours a week do the boys on Bataan work? If the Japs attack on Sunday, do you think the American troops demand double time for overtime?"

"This work week is between 55 and 60 hours in Great Britain. It is between 60 and 70 hours in the United States."

"This is war. Every American must work as many hours as is compatible with maximum efficiency. He should be paid for every hour, at his regular pay rate. The 40-hour week overtime penalties—like excessive profits—are holding back the war effort. For the duration, they must go!"

Chase S. Osborn writing in the Sault Ste. Marie Evening News: "This is no time to get too cocky or to think of ourselves as bullies or anything of that sort. But it is wholesome to remember that Americans have never shirked a fight when they were in the right. They really appear to have enjoyed dying for their country. It is as good a way to be assured of future happiness as can be found. Sooner or later the Americans are going to wipe the Japanese off the face of the earth."

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Ready to Fight Again



ALTHOUGH finally forced from their Malayan bases by vastly superior Japanese air power, these Allied Dutch (dark shirts), British (cork helmets), and Australian (furry hats) fliers seem far from down-hearted as they gather somewhere in the Netherlands East Indies for another crack against the yellow invaders. The Far Eastern air forces of the United Nations work together without distinction of nationality, and since this picture was taken, the men shown in it have probably been reinforced by American pilots and planes. Their only cry is for better planes—and more of them.

Registration Notice

For Biennial Spring Election
April 6, 1942

To the Qualified Electors of the several Townships of Crawford County, State of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law," we, the undersigned Township Clerks, will

upon any day, except Sunday and

a legal holiday, the day of any

regular or special election or

primary election, receive for

registration the name of any

legal voter in said township not

already registered who may

apply personally to the clerk of

the Township in which said voter

may reside, for such registration.

Provided, however, that the

clerks of said Townships can

receive no names for registration

during the time intervening be-

tween the second Saturday be-

fore any regular, special or of-

ficial primary election and the

day of such election.

The last day of General Regis-

tration does not apply to persons

who vote under the Absent

Voters' Law.

Notice is hereby given that the

clerks of said townships will be

at the usual place for such regis-

tration.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1942

The Twentieth Day preceding said

election, as provided by Sec. 3,

Chapter 3, Part II, P. A. 306,

Session of 1929. And on

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1942

The Last Day

from 8 o'clock a. m. until 8

o'clock p. m. on each said day

for the purpose of Reviewing the

Registration and Registering such

of the qualified voters in said

Townships as shall properly ap-

ply thereto.

The name of no person but an

Actual Resident of the precinct

at the time of registration, and

entitled under the constitution, if

remaining such resident, to vote

at the next election, shall be en-

tered in the registration book.

DATED: MARCH 3, 1942.

Signed:

Carl Olson, Clerk,

Frederic Township.

Martha J. Petersen, Clerk,

Maple Forest Township.

Frank L. Millikin, Clerk,

Beaver Creek Township.

John E. Floster, Clerk.

—South Branch Township.

Louise McCormick, Clerk,

Lovells Township.

ed why the men called it the

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Frederic News

"Dad" Ridgway is much better at present.

Mrs. John Burke has returned

home from Detroit after spend-

ing the forepart of winter with

her daughter there.

George Worthey is still confin-

ed to his home with arthritis.

Sally Jr., the little daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, who

has been ill with an ear infection,

is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newberry,

two sons and daughter, left last

Sunday for Supier, South Caro-

lina to visit their son Gerald who

is in the air corps as a mechanic.

C. D. McRoy is assisting at the

Jesse Schoonover garage in

Grayling while Mr. and Mrs.

Schoonover are on a vacation in

the south.

Mr. and Mrs. George Flagg of

Grayling were Frederic callers

one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver

of Grayling spent last Wednes-

day evening at the home of Mrs.

Maude Shorts.

The Red Cross ladies turned

out well at our meeting Saturday

at Mrs. Eaton's, entertaining the

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, March 6, 1919

Arthur Griffin of Vanderbilt was a guest of friends here over Sunday.

Miss Carrie Jorgenson is visiting friends in Ewen for an indefinite time.

Frank Dreese will leave to-night for eastern markets to buy new spring goods.

Mrs. Spencer Melstrup and children of Detroit are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Salling.

Mr. and Mrs. George McPeak and little son returned from a few days' visit in Bay City with the former's parents.

Miss Jérine Lankry of Bay City was a guest of Miss Katherine Clark over Sunday. She attended the Switchmen's dancing party Saturday night and returned to her home Monday.

Edward Loring, who has been receiving military training at Camp Kearney, Calif., is in the city visiting friends. Mr. Loring left the employ of the du Pont company in this city last spring to enlist in the cavalry.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd DeNoyes, Monday, March 3rd.

Mrs. Clifford E. Doty and son Richard are spending a few days in Saginaw.

Arthur Cameron has been honorably discharged from service in the U. S. navy and has returned here and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron.

The Grayling High school girls were defeated by the Gaylord High school girls in a game of basketball last Friday evening. Hobart Mich. being called there on the latter's floor. The score was 31-2.

Samuel Rasmussen is spending the week here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Rasmussen, after being discharged from military service. He had months, has left that institution and

been at Camp Dodge, Iowa for several months and was mustered out at Camp Custer. He intends to return to Detroit first of the week, to resume his work at the Burroughs Adding Machine company plant.

Hans Petersen was in Bay City on business Monday, returning Tuesday morning.

C. T. Clark of Bay City is in the city on business, arriving yesterday afternoon.

Rev. Rodholm, wife and children will arrive here the first of the week from Des Moines, Iowa, to visit at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Kjolhede. Mrs. Rodholm is a daughter of Rev. Kjolhede.

Peter Aebl, who recently suffered a paralytic stroke, isn't getting along so well, and it is expected that it will be necessary to remove him from his home in Beaver Creek township to Mercy Hospital in this city.

Herbert Trudeau arrived home the latter part of the week from the Great Lakes Training station, and has been honorably discharged from active service. However he is on the reserve list. He will remain here and assist in his father's store.

Mr. and Mrs. James Turner of Vanderbilt were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Barber last week.

Mrs. James Carriveau and children of Jackson are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Chapplefour.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lobdell and children of Roscommon spent Sunday here visiting the Charles Ewalt family.

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and is now recuperating at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George H. Willis of Garret, Ind.

Mrs. Freda Ross returned to Detroit after an extended stay here, a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. T. P. Peterson.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. McPeak of Bay City, formerly of Grayling, February 22nd, Washington's birthday.

Mrs. N. A. Griffith of Gaylord was in the city Monday to look after her interests at the Hat Shop. Miss Edith Walker, trimmer, arrived also to get the place ready for the spring business.

Little Genevieve and Ada Jane McPeak of Bay City, who have been spending the past month here visiting their aunt Mrs. Peter Borchers, will return home the latter part of the week. Mrs. Borchers will accompany them. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. McPeak.

George Sorenson has been in Detroit since Monday with his youngest son, Alfred, whom he took there to consult an eye specialist. Over a year ago the lad received an injury to one of his eyes while playing with a knife.

Miss Ruth Woodruff of Bay City was a guest at the home of A. Hermann over Sunday, coming to attend the Switchmen's Union's dancing party Saturday night.

Billy Brennan entertained sixteen of his little friends Saturday afternoon in honor of his seventh birthday. Billy's birthday comes on the twenty-ninth but he celebrated just the same on the first.

The Good Fellowship club held their annual election of officers Monday evening at the home of Mrs. George Alexander. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. O. P. Schumann; Vice President, Mrs. Chas. Canfield; secretary-treasurer, Mrs.

Wm. Teare. The hostess served light refreshments.

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of Grayling. The marriage of this young couple is the culmination of a friendship that began during their school days.

The newly elected directors of the Grayling Board of Trade, consisting of Fred Welsh, T. P. Peterson, A. J. Joseph, Harry Simpson, C. M. Morff, Holger Peterson, Henry A. Bauman, E. W. Behike, Frank Freeland and Emil Kraus, met at the Social Club rooms Tuesday night of this week and elected the following officers: President, T. P. Peterson; vice president C. M. Morff; secretary-treasurer, Holger F. Peterson.

Maple Forest News (23 Years Ago)

W. G. Feldhauser is still busy logging for the Salling Hanson Co.

Carl Parsons was a caller on Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Babbitt; also on Miss Edna Babbitt, "Eh, Carly?"

Miss Flora Malco left for Grand Rapids last Monday to visit her mother, Mrs. J. Malco.

Mrs. W. G. Feldhauser was a business caller at Grayling last Saturday.

Harold Anderson was a caller over Sunday at Grayling. He enjoyed skating at the Pastime Roller Rink.

Oscar Charron and family visited Mr. and Mrs. John Parsons who are managing the Joe Charron farm.

Coy News (23 Years Ago)

School started Monday in District No. 2, with Elsie Holowell as teacher.

O. B. Scott is attending the Board of Supervisors meeting this week.

Mrs. George Royce who has been on the sick list, is now able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nichols were callers at Alvin Scott's home Sunday.

Bert Scott and family spent Sunday with his father, Mr. J. Scott and family.

There was a dance given at Maple Grove school house last Saturday. A big crowd and good time enjoyed.

Ausable River Breezes (23 Years Ago)

The young people had a very enjoyable time at Arthur Wakely's last Saturday.

Mrs. John Stephan has been in Grayling, caring for her daughter for the past ten days.

Mrs. H. Stephan received a nice brooch pin from France, from her nephew, Dan Babbitt.

Sunday, at the old homestead in Pere Cheney, occurred the death of Frank Dompson, a resident of that vicinity for about forty years. He was 76 years old and with his wife made their living by farming bringing the products of their labor to Grayling to sell. He was the grandfather of Clyde and Edward King of this place. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the

home in Pere Cheney, Rev. Fr. J. J. Riess officiating, and interment was in the Pere Cheney cemetery. His wife survives him.

Ancient Crossbow

The ancient crossbow still is used as a weapon in Switzerland.

Church News

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Bible School.

11:00 A. M.—Public worship.

Young People's meeting at 6:30.

Join us in these helpful meetings.

Public is invited.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Shellenburger and State.

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A. M.—Preaching.

7:00 P. M.—Y. P. M. S.

7:30 P. M.—Preaching.

Come and we will do you good.

O. H. Lee, Pastor.

CALVARY CHURCH

The Book—2 Tim 3:16

The Blood Heb. 9:22

That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13

New Location—Grange Hall

Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.

6:45 P. M.—Young people.

7:30 P. M.—Preaching.

Midweek Services

Thursday—

7:30 P. M.—Prayer and Every

body's Bible Class.

You are welcome.

Pastor, F. D. Barnes.

FREDERIC BIBLE CHURCH

Services at Frederic.

10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.

8:00 p. m.—Evening Service.

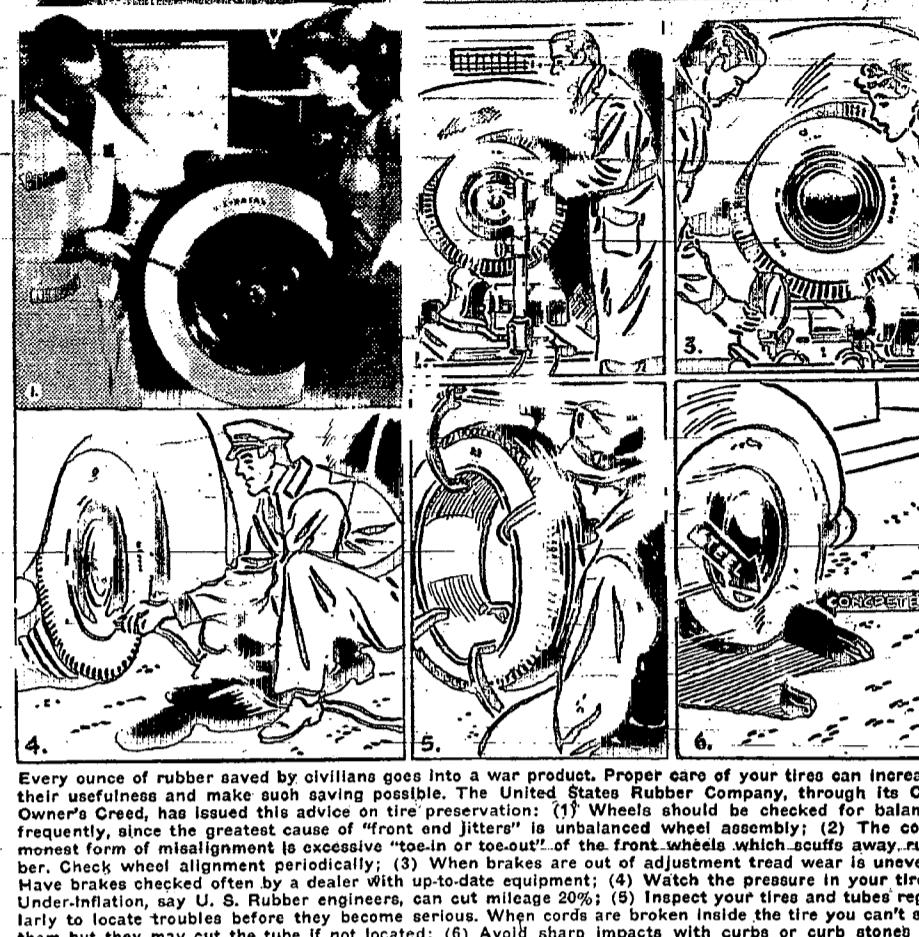
Bible Study every Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Church Services

12:00 o'clock at Lovells schoolhouse.

Rev. Chas. Opitz, Pastor.

LIVE RUBBER Uncle Sam Needs It!



Every ounce of rubber saved by civilians goes into a war product. Proper care of your tires can increase their usefulness and make such saving possible. The United States Rubber Company, through its Car Owner's Creed, has issued this advice on tire preservation: (1) Wheels should be checked for balance frequently, since the greatest cause of "front and jitters" is unbalanced wheel assembly; (2) The commonest form of misalignment is excessive "toe-in" or "toe-out" of the front wheels which scuff away rubber. Check wheel alignment periodically; (3) When brakes are out of adjustment tread wear is uneven. Have brakes checked often by a dealer with up-to-date equipment; (4) Watch the pressure in your tires. Under-inflation, say U. S. Rubber engineers, can cut mileage 20%; (5) Inspect your tires and tubes regularly to locate troubles before they become serious. When cords are broken inside the tire if not located; (6) Avoid sharp impacts with curbs or curb stones or other objects. Severe impacts may be absorbed by the tire but they are often deadly. Rim cuts kill tires.

Income Tax Bulletin No. 9

Have you filed your Federal income tax return? If you come within the group from whom returns are required, you have only until midnight, March 16, in which to file a return. Single persons who earned as much as \$14.43 a week for the 82 weeks of 1941, or married persons living together who had aggregate earnings of as much as \$28.85 a week for the year, are required to file returns. The instructions attached to the forms describe the method of preparing returns, but if further information is necessary it may be obtained at the offices of the collector of internal revenue, deputy collector, or an internal revenue agent in charge. They make no charge for their services.

If income tax returns are placed in the mail, they should be posted in ample time to reach the collector's office on or before the date due—that is midnight on March 16 for calendar year returns. Taxpayers subject themselves to a penalty for failure to file returns on time.

Determination Losses

At Saundertown, R. I., Merrill Smith, determined to be the first motorist over a new \$3,000,000 toll bridge, spent the night in his car, at the bridge approach. When the bridge was officially opened next morning, Smith fished in his pockets, found he had forgotten to bring any money.

Back-Driver

A back-driver sounds like a mother-in-law in the family car, but it's really a job in the upholstery business.

Blaenah

Natives in and around the French colonial city of Dakar, in western Africa, use an instrument like a piano. Their own name for it is "blaenah." They strike it with a pair of knobbed sticks. While speaking of African music, it is well to remember the singing. Negroes

seem to have a natural gift for song, and when singing together they usually have fine harmony. Most of the so-called "Negro songs" which we hear from time to time were composed by white men in the United States, chiefly Stephen Foster.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION—RESCINDING ORDER ISSUED ON OCTOBER TWENTY-FIRST, 1941, REGULATING THE TAKING OF OTTER.

An order was issued by the Conservation Commission on the twenty-first day of October, 1941, making it unlawful for a period of one year to take otter by any means except that in the following counties they may be taken during the open season for beaver: Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Baraga, Cheboygan, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Houghton, Iosco, Iron, Kalkaska, Luce, Marquette, Menominee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Presque Isle, Roscommon, and Schoolcraft.

After a further investigation the Director of Conservation recommends the rescinding of this order.

Therefore, the Conservation Commission, by authority of Act 230, P. A. 1925, hereby orders that the above named order be rescinded.

Signed, sealed, and ordered published this tenth day of February, 1942.

Joseph P. Rahilly, Chairman, Wayland Osgood, Secretary.

Countersigned: P. J. Hoffmaster, Director.

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Seeing is Believing

BULLS DON'T SEE RED!

LIKE MANY ANIMALS, THE BULL IS COLOR-BLIND.

HE IS AROUSED BY THE MOVEMENT, NOT THE COLOR, OF THE MATADOR'S CLOAK.

... A BLUE CLOAK

WOULD BE AS GOOD,

BUT TRY TO TELL A MAT



THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1942

Dr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Stealy

spent Sunday in Clare.

Miss Ruth Stevenson left Monday for Detroit to spend a few days.

William Moshier of Detroit spent the week end at his home in Grayling.

Wm. Bolinger of Grayling spent Saturday in Bay City visiting Miss Mary Lou Woodbury.

F. J. Mills of Bellaire is a regular in Grayling today. He was one of our former merchants.

Mrs. Alfred Sorenson and children left Sunday for Saginaw for a few days visiting relatives.

Ernest Corwin returned to Mt. Morris last week after spending several days at the Charles Corin home.

The Senior Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Emil Siegling Friday, March 6th, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Esbene Hanson returned Friday from Pittsburgh, Pa., where she visited her mother, who is ill.

Menno Corwin, Eugene Irwin, and Clare Smith were in Bay City and Saginaw on business Thursday.

Miss Jean Thorne of Alpena spent the week end visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Darveau.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schraden and Miss Dorothy Shen of Chicago spent last week in the vicinity of Grayling, coming to enjoy some skiing.

See the new Spring shoes at Olson's.

Guests at the James Lynch home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Lynch of Alpena, and Miss Lee Byrne of Alma.

A warehouse of the East Jordan Canning Co., of East Jordan, was destroyed by fire last week Wednesday. Also the entire stock of canned goods was destroyed.

Esmond Stiles was in Gaylord Tuesday and while there called in Samuel Stevenson at the Northern Sanitorium. He says the latter is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Menno Corwin left Tuesday for West Branch to accompany her sister, Mrs. C. J. Santos, and daughter to University Hospital at Ann Arbor. The daughter will enter as a patient there.

Roblee
DEFENDERS

AS FEATURED IN LIFE

These new Roblee "Defenders" have that feel of good leather, and that "on the line" look that just naturally belongs with uniforms. And how they snap up a suit of tweeds, or a pair of slacks, or a more conservative business suit. Good meaty leathers give them a real custom look. Get on the "beam" to Roblee "Defenders".

G. Mercantile
Company

Buy shoes now and get better shoes for less money, at Olson's.

Gerald Rice of Indianapolis, Ind., is spending considerable time here skiing.

Floyd J. McClain was home from Detroit over the week end visiting his family.

James Fletcher came on the snow train Sunday and spent the day with his family.

Mrs. Chester Skelmoski (Betty Parsons) left Sunday for Chicago to spend a few days with her husband's family.

Clyde Peterson who is confined to Mercy Hospital is reported as getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. DeAlton Griffith and three children, also Donald Corwin, of Saginaw, spent the week end visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gale of Gaylord spent the week end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Middie LaMotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Winslow and Miss Alice Benewett spent the past week in Chicago and Sheldon, Ill., on business.

Arthur Feldhauser, Jr., of Earborn, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Feldhauser, at Lovells.

Mrs. William Smith of Bay City, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. James Lynch, for the last month, returned home Tuesday.

Raymond Gosha of Detroit was a week end guest of Miss Dorothy Hutchins at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hutchins.

New Spring shoes are arriving daily, at Olson's.

The Women of the Moose are having a social party Thursday evening, March 5th. Pinochle and bunco will be played, and lunch served.

Edwin Chalker of W. C. of E., Kalamazoo, spent the week end and the first part of this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Chalker.

A. L. Roberts spent the week end at his home here. Mrs. Roberts is enjoying a several weeks visit in Cleveland and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kesseler of Gaylord are happy over the arrival of a daughter Virginia Ann, born at Mercy Hospital on February 28th.

The Grayling Rebekahs and Oddfellows will hold a St. Patrick's Day card party at the I.O.O.F. hall on Tuesday evening, March 17th. Cards, prizes and lunch for 25c. Everyone welcome.

Mrs. Stanley Stealy was hostess to her bridge club at her home Saturday afternoon. After the eight ladies had totaled their scores Miss Margrethe Bauman and Mrs. Harold MacNeven held the high scores.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter returned last week from a visit among relatives in Detroit, Pontiac and Flint. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Geister of Flint and Leslie Hunter of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Geister returned to Flint Sunday. Leslie is remaining for a visit with his parents.

Rev. Edwin E. Hansen of Marquette, president of District No. 2, will be a guest of the Grayling Lutheran congregation on Thursday, March 12th. Lecture will be held in the church at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, and will be followed here through the duration of the war to keep the home fires burning. How will this community be prepared to take advantage of the post-war change?" Everyone present was very much interested in the talk.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Harry Hutchins Friday, March 13th. Miss Julia Pond of the Home Economics department of M.S.C. will be the speaker.

Mrs. Lola Papenfus and son Charles and wife and baby returned home last Thursday night from an auto-trip that took them to Foley, Alabama; San Antonio, and Edenton, Texas and over the border into Old Mexico. In all they travelled 4424 miles, without an accident or unpleasant incident. They reported fine weather and a very enjoyable trip.

Notice of registration for rationing cards appears on the front page in this issue of the Avalanche. Already we have been asked whether each individual has to appear personally before the rationing board. Joe Lentz, rationing board clerk, says that any adult person of authority in a family may register for each member of the family. However a rationing card will be issued to each member.

The Detroit snow train left behind Paul Johnson who had to be locked up for being drunk and disorderly. He paid a fine of \$2.00 and costs.

And Peter Baranowski and Alex Matsjuk got mixed up in a free-for-all with Dominic Chickerly, all of Camp Hartwick Pines, the former two being charged with assault and battery. They pled guilty and were sentenced to pay fines of \$15.00 and \$8.20 costs each. They are both in jail but hope to pay up just as soon as they can get their pay checks. Both were discharged from the Camp.

Eggs in One Basket

Generally, all the eggs of an opossum snake are laid in one day, although occasionally a snake will lay part of its eggs one day and the remainder the next. The Fish and Wildlife Service says that a python 28 feet long, laid 10 eggs in one day.

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The Wednesday Bridge club were guests of Mrs. H. A. Taverman. A patriotic motif arranged by Mrs. G. C. Clippert and Mrs. Roy Milnes for bridge which was played at the home of Mrs. Baum.

men following the luncheon.

Loreli and Kay Sonia, little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidt are ill at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoffman of Alpena spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Petersen.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houck of Kalamazoo are spending a few days visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Edwin Chalker, who is seriously ill at her home.

The Tuesday Evening bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Harry Hutchins. Honor scores were held by Mrs. Roy Trudeau and Mrs. Charles Meisel.

The new Spring shoes are in at Olson's.

Mrs. Alfred Orhn surprised her husband Wednesday evening by giving a birthday party in his honor. The evening was spent at keno. Alfred took high honors for the men and Mrs. Sidney Roarke for the women.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder and daughter Margrethe Kristine, of Saginaw, came Wednesday and are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson. They accompanied Mrs. Margrethe Graham home, who had been visiting in Saginaw.

Friends of Lt. and Mrs. W. C. Tufts (Pauline Schoonover) of Fort Benning, Ga., regret to learn of the passing of an infant son, born on Wednesday, Feb. 25th. The babe weighed 10 pounds lacking an ounce. Mrs. Tufts is reported as getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Schoonover are with their daughter and husband in Fort Benning.

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The Kiwanis club held its meeting at the Conservation Department training school Wednesday evening. This was the second time the local club enjoyed the hospitality of Russell Martin and his assistants at this elegant place.

Here the food is always so inviting that few of the members ever want to miss a meeting there. And the reception and hospitality there is so delightfully informal and cordial that everyone always feels right at home and enjoys himself every minute he is there.

A few informal remarks were made after the banquet after which the Kiwanians enjoyed "baseball" with the darts, bridge, and other games.

Next week the meeting will be held at Michelson Memorial church.

Wednesday, March 18th is the club's birthday and it will be observed with a dinner dance at the Hopponagon Inn.

The Kiwanis bowling team reports they are holding their own. Whatever that means.

Womans Club

The club was entertained Monday evening at the home of Mrs. O. P. Schumann.

Following the business session conducted by the president, Mrs. Frank Bond, Mrs. Norman Butler introduced the speaker of the evening Mr. Ralph Speckle of Olivet, who talked on "How will Grayling adjust itself throughout the war and the post war period? What will those remaining here through the duration of the war do to keep the home fires burning? How will this community be prepared to take advantage of the post-war change?" Everyone present was very much interested in the talk.

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Another great source of vitally needed materials in the "Salvage for Victory" program and again Michigan is going "all out." In every one of the state's 83 counties a local salvage chairman has been appointed and the drive for scrap metal, old rubber, old clothing and waste paper is under way.

The appetite of our war machine is tremendous," said Kenneth M. Burns, Chairman of the Michigan Salvage Committee. "Ever increasing quantities of scrap should be available from attics, basements, garages, barns and factories."

"Heels to Halt Heels," is the slogan of the shoe workers union. It is estimated that 240,000,000 pairs of old rubber heels, totaling more than 80,000,000 pounds of vitally needed rubber, can be salvaged yearly.

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Every day now the impact of war on the civilian front grows heavier. Think back across the weeks to this country as it was before Pearl Harbor. Since Japanese bombers roared in from the Pacific off Hawaii, we have learned some bitter lessons on the folly of half measures. This short period has been packed with changes.

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The Home Front

Democrats of the world are looking to the industries of Michigan to provide the weapons to win the war.

To keep the wheels turning at an ever increasing pace, night and day, will take men and more men—and women. Already Michigan is looking to women to take their places at machines.

Ernest Kanzler, Chief of the Automotive Branch of the War Production Board, who has charge of converting Michigan's huge automotive industry to full war production, said a few days ago that "the industry will not get into real production until women are trained and put to work."

Labor agrees that women will be referred to defense training courses on the same terms as those governing male workers.

So does the Department of Agriculture which says "a land army of women will be needed to meet agricultural labor requirements in the nation."

The old proverb that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" has an added meaning in the new mechanized program which modern warfare demands.

Training of skilled workmen for Michigan's defense plants gained added momentum in activities announced this week by M. M. Olander, district representative of WPB's Training Within Industry program.

The program has a goal of 37,000 skilled workmen by July to step up productive capacity. A series of institutes will be held in all parts of the state. Leaders will be instructed and in turn they will conduct training courses within various defense plants.

William Conover, industrial training expert on leave of absence from the United States Steel Corporation, conducts the first institute at Detroit this week.

The automobile industry last year produced 4,820,000 passenger cars and trucks, mostly in Michigan. For every 24 autos we are not making this year, we have saved enough steel and rubber for a 27-ton medium tank. For every auto we are not making this year, we have saved enough tin to coat 1,000 cans in which to put food for our sailors and soldiers.

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WRITES FROM CANAL ZONE

(Continued from first page) I might be the next victim, but I followed him upstairs. On the second floor the pharmacist introduced me to five Haitian doctors, who showed me their clinic, and library. We then went up one more flight of stairs and there were several more doctors in the laboratory which was as well equipped as many hospital laboratories in the States—and better than some. Here they did the blood counts, urinalysis, and typings. They were working on malaria at the moment. I do not believe I have ever gone anywhere where people were more courteous and gracious than they were, and they were all black. One of the other passengers from the boat came up and he spoke Spanish and was very much interested in their work as he was very familiar with the Upjohn laboratories and, I believe, a wholesale druggist. The doctor who owns the clinic spoke English, French, Spanish and German and had been educated in European medical colleges. He offered to take us thru the city hospital, but we thanked him and told him we were soon sailing. He told us they received many of their cultures from the Pasteur Institute in Paris, France, before the war. I asked who paid for the work, and he said "the government because the people are so poor." I have since heard he treats the charity patients mostly at his own expense. The office, laboratories and clinic were very clean and I could hardly connect the people I had just talked to with the beggars along the docks even as remotely as by nationality or race, for they seemed a world apart. As I returned to the boat I wondered how many people would have any other picture of the Haitian people than of the beggars, the taxi drivers and the peasants that they had seen riding along the road on burros.

The Haitians do not wish to discuss with the whites the Voodooism or its rites. I have been particularly interested in learning more about it. Recently I read William Seabrook's book, "The Magic Island" which gives in detail their religion and rites and is an interesting account of several years spent in Haiti. Truly, I think Haiti deserves the name "The Magic Island," and I

only hope I may go back some day.

About Panama—I had perhaps best explain that there are many things here that I do not like, but there are other things nice about it, but to me the good is outweighed. Most of the people one sees on the streets are negroes, some are negroes, some are Indians, both San Blas and Darien, and a few of Spanish extraction. All but the Jamaican negroes speak Spanish and they speak a dialect of English which is extremely hard to understand. The Indians speak their own dialect of Indian, which is a very simple language.

Cristobal and Colon are altogether really—it is just a question of knowing the boundary lines. Cristobal is in the Canal Zone and Colon in the Republic of Panama. The main street of Colon, Front Street, runs along the railroad track. It has bazaars of every nation—French, Japanese (until the war broke out), Chinese, Panamanian, and many Hindu—where fine linens, perfumes and silks are sold. There are many beautiful parrots and parakeets which the natives from the interior bring in to sell; and we have such poisonous snakes as the Bushmaster and Fer-de-lance, both of which are deadly, and a constrictor which crushes or strangles its prey. Alligators are also very numerous.

A few months ago we spent a week end at Taboga Island. It is about an hour's ride on a motor launch from Panama City. The hotel is a very large wooden building in very bad repair. It was built by the French when they attempted to build the Canal. I was told it was their gambling casino and I imagine in its day was a beautiful spot. The view of the Pacific ocean was gorgeous. It seemed so strange when we got up before dawn to catch the early launch to Panama City to see the sun rising like a huge ball of flame out of the Pacific. In the north we think of the Pacific as West and everyone knows the sun rises in the East, but here, because of the peculiar formation of the Isthmus, the Pacific is east of the Atlantic.

Perhaps you might like to know how food prices in the Canal Zone Commissaries compare with the prices in the Republic of Panama. In a few words—they're about double at least. Milk, which we cannot get regularly at the Commy (at 17¢ a qt.) is 35¢ a quart outside (without the bottle deposit), and eggs in the Republic are certainly gold nuggets at 10¢ apiece. When I first came down here I once paid 50¢ for a half dozen potatoes and thought of all the times we had bought them in Michigan for a dollar a bushel, and tomatoes that in the States cost fifteen cents are forty-five cents a can.

The flowers here are perfectly beautiful—hibiscus, amaryllis, water hyacinths, orchids, but not the kind you see in the States, and for every pretty flower outside the house there's a little bug inside; some are not so small either. Cockroaches a couple of inches long that fly into the house at night, and ants everywhere, and everything seems to have a different variety of ant to eat it, from the tiny daddy of them all on the shrubs. When we were living in the basement apartment at the first house we lived in here there were a pair of spiders each as big as my fist that lived in back of the windowsill and ate all the ants

that came in. If you have furniture not of native wood you may one day wake up and find it a shell of its former self from the termites which may either be little white worms or tiny ants.

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I found San Blas most interesting and very picturesque and as far from our kind of civilization as hope to get for some time. The islands closer to Colon, R. P., are showing the influence of civilization, which I regret to say is not complimentary to those they try to copy. I really believe that they have a far higher code of morals than we do. I bought a couple of dolls, hewn from balsa wood, very crude indeed, since the natives have few things to work with and about the only tool they know the use of is the machete.

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Mich. Sportsmen's Show March 7-15

Boy scouts and bankers—pale office workers and hardy industrial plant war mechanics—old men, young men, family men and bachelors—mothers with small boys—athletic girls—families with camps, summer homes, cruisers or just a dream of one of them—all will join in the march toward Convention Hall for the Michigan Sportsmen's and Boat Show which will start Saturday, March 7 and continue for nine days and nights until and including Sunday, March 15.

While the highlight of the Show will be the three free thrilling entertainment performances to be held in the large artificial lake at 3:00; 7:15 and 9:30 P. M., the great outdoors in all its glory will be vividly displayed in exhibits by the Michigan Conservation Department; the State Highway Department; the State Police; the towns of Grayling, Indian River and Lake St. Helen; plus the Dominion of Canada and the hunting and fishing opportunities in Mexico.

Tame deer may be common in Michigan, but the Show presents seven, which are not only tame, but are trained to do tricks. Another thriller will be the group of retrievers—labradors, chesapeakes and an Irish water spaniel—all trained to obey any command, and which will create great roars of laughter when they attempt to outswim diving ducks.

Saddle horse enthusiasts will find much of interest in the Dude Ranch of Cedric White, who will present a typical Western setup, with cowgirls and cowboys, a trick horse and several saddle ponies.

Rifle experts will be shown a trick or two by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mansfield when they play the Star Spangled Banner on the bells without missing a note. In fact, there is nothing missing from this year's Sportsmen's and Boat Show, which is the 5th annual event sponsored by the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress and supported by Conservation Clubs all over the State of Michigan.

JUDGE AND JURY

The most popular man in a western town had got into a difficulty with a disreputable tough who was the terror of the place, and had done him up in a manner eminently satisfactory to the entire community. It was necessary to vindicate the majesty of the law, however, and the offender was brought up for trial on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The jury took the case, and were out about two minutes, when they returned.

"Well," said the old judge in a familiar off-hand way, "what does the jury have to say?" "May it please the court," responded the foreman, "we, the jury, find the prisoner is not guilty of hitting with the intent to kill, but simply to paralyze, and he done it."

EXCUSABLE



"Why did you refuse to answer that man who asked you how you were going to vote?"

"Because he wasn't looking for information. He was only trying to start an argument."

Easy

A teacher was trying to demonstrate a simple experiment in the generation of steam.

"What have I in my hand?" he asked.

"A tin can," was the answer.

"Is the can an animate or an inanimate object?"

"Inanimate."

"Exactly. Now can any boy tell me how it is possible to generate a surprising amount of steam, and power almost beyond control?"

One little boy raised his hand.

"You may answer, William."

"Tie it to a dog's tail."

Foil Fuse's Follies

More fuses are being burned at this season, reports the National Automobile Club. If a fuse burns out, it puts the circuit of which it is a part out of business until a new fuse is inserted. Motorists should not be content with inserting a new fuse under such circumstances. Discover the cause, for if the trouble is not remedied, the new fuse will also burn out, which practicing may be dangerous.

Born Americans

All but eight signers of the Declaration of Independence were born on American soil.

Grange Notes

The Grange meeting of March 7th will be an evening meeting. A good attendance is desired for this meeting as there is important and interesting business, as well as two new members to be voted on.

The donations are coming in good. A list of the names will be given in the near future.

The card party at the hall February 21 was well attended. Prizes for pinochle went to Mrs. Joseph Lenhart and Everett Corwin; for pedro, to LeRoy Wakeley and Eugene Corwin; bunnies, Mrs. Barton Wakeley and Mrs. Chris King. Mrs. John Knecht received the door prize. Delicious cherry pies were used for the first, and door prizes. Cherry pies were served for lunch. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

Music by Mr. Geo. Annis and son Forrest.

There will be a St. Patrick's party at the hall the 14th of March. Ten games will be played. Groceries will be used for prizes. Everyone attending must wear something green or pay a fine. Dancing will follow the games. Lunch will be served. Price 25¢. Come and have a good time. Everybody welcome. Don't forget the date and place.

Will the members please get any scrap that they can turn over to the Grange—paper, tinfoil, clean cotton rags, any color; metal of all kinds, that is needed for defense. If so we have hopes of getting it to a buyer if we can get enough for a load.

Also anyone who has any scrap that they want disposed of, please let any of the members know and someone will collect it most willingly.

The hall will be open Saturday, March 7 and 14, also the 21st, which will be the daytime meeting so we will be able to take care of anything that might be brought to the hall.

Mr. Schumann:

Here is a piece I cut from The National Grange Monthly. I would like to have it printed in the paper. I think it hits the nail on the head pretty good; and shows what the Grange thinks about it.

Sugar or Whiskey?
The sugar shortage controversy has raised a number of interesting questions, and as restrictions become increasingly severe such queries are certain to multiply. For the sake of winning the war people are willing to deny themselves almost any of the luxuries, but they do insist upon the fairness of making the embargo hit everybody.

It seems there are about 1,200,000 tons of surplus sugar in Puerto Rico, which would amply meet our present needs; but we learn that plans call for the use of all this sugar for alcohol for war-time requirements. It has also been proposed that the needed alcohol be made from our enormous stocks of surplus corn, but it is answered that our distilleries do not have the surplus capacity.

It would seem to the humble lay mind that the public would be better off with less whiskey and more sugar! A government clothed with sufficient authority to close every automobile factory, and convert such a mighty output completely into munitions, might possibly try a little conversion of whiskey into sugar!

We are told that stern realities must be faced from now on. Is American patriotism of such limited character that if making